Violation of MRTP Act by M|s. TTK and Co.

2688. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. TTK and Company is misusing its monopoly of manufacturing and distribution of condoms, which it is manufacturing with the help of a London Rubber Company;

(b) whether MRTP Office has recently received complaints against the functioning of the Company in South Delhi area; and

(c) If so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission has received a complaint on 9-12-1985 from M/s. Narang Stores. 14 Laxmibai Nagar Market, New Delhi against M|s. TTK & Company.

(c) M|s. Narang Stores have alleged that M|s. TTK and Company is selling condoms in the market at a high price and supplying the same to the stockists with a pre-condition that the latter should sell this item alongwith their other products. When this was objected to by M|s. Narang Stores, their dealership was cancelled by M|s. TTK and Company. The said complaint is being looked into by MRTP Commission.

Joint Venture with Pepsi Cola

2689. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agro Products Exports (India) Private Limited made an application for a Joint venture with Pepsi Cola;

(b) whether the Goenka Group of Calcutta is associated with it; and

(c) if so, why is MRTP not applicable and if not, who are the promoters of this company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The application was rejected by Government.

(b) and (c) There is no indication about association of the Goenka Group in the proposal. The company, M/s. Agro Products Exports India Private Limited, is to be formed after receipt of Government's approval. The Board of Directors will be formed after incorporation of the new company.

Industrial Growth

2690. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a slow down in Industrial growth and a surge in imports in April and May and following the presentation of the budget; if so, the details and reasons thereof; and

(b) what is the trade deficit this year compared to last year and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTIRAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to CSO provisional index of industrial production available upto August, 1985 and the quick index for September, 1985, the rate of industrial growth during April—September, 1985 was 6.3 per cent over April—September, 1984, India's overall imports recorded a growth of 29.9 per cent during April—July, 1985. The trade deficit during April—July, 1985 was of the order of Rs. 3079.08 crore as compared to Rs. 1709.55 crores during the corresponding period of 1984.

The rate of industrial growth during the current financial year would have been higher but for lower rate of growth in electricity & mining sectors and certain factors such as infrastructural constraints, under-utilisation of ctpacities inadequate technological upgradation, etc.

The larger level of imports trade deficit during the current year is on account of increase in bulk import such as fertilizers, sugar and POL as also increase in imports of capital goods and manufactured intermediates which are needed to maintain essential investment, production and consumption in the economy.

Import Bills on ONGC

2691. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import bills of Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Dehradun had substantially increased during the last three years;

(b) whether the visits of Oil and Natural Gas Commission officials abroad had also increased manifold during the same period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of imports of various items made during the last three years ending 30th June, 1985, the countries from which imported, the names of exporters and the value thereof;

(d) what was the total amount spent each year for the official tours along with the names of the countries visited by each official and the details of business done; and

(e) what kind of ancillary industries are proposed to be developed for reducing the import bills of the ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Oil exploration in the Andamans offshore

2692. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil India Limited has decided to undertake oil exploration in the Andamans offshore areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of operation;

(c) whether the Oil India Ltd. has been permitted to import Oil Rigs and/or Drilling ships from abroad for that purpose;

(d) if so, which are the countries which have come forward to supply such equipments and on what terms; and

(e) whether any technical experts' committee has been constituted for the evaluation of each of such offers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Oil India Limited plans to drill three erplorator wells, estimated to cost about Rs. 62 crores in the Andamian offshore during the VII Plan period. The drilling is expected to commence by April, 1986.

(c) and (d) The drilling is proposed to be done through a charter-hired drill ship. Offers have been received from firms in Japan, U.S.A., U.K. Belgium and Netherlands for drilling on a day-rate basis.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Applications for manufacture of passenger cars

2693. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of applications for industrial licences and/or COB licences are pending with Government for the manufacture of passenger cars with and without foreign collaborations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the applicants and their collaborators or otherwise, since when the